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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1711**

Our Case No. 659/1531 (K-C 14996B)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wang et al.)
Application No. 09/753,077)
Filing Date: March 12, 2001)
For WATER-RESPONSIVE)
BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER)
COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD)
OF MAKING SAME)
Examiner Jeffrey Mullis
Group Art Unit No. 1711

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 22, 2004, please reconsider the application in view of the attached Terminal Disclaimer.